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Vicki Brooker photo

Batter up!

No groundhog was needed for this sure sign of spring at F. G. Miller High School on Wednesday, Jan. 31, when students had a day off while teachers attended a professional development day. Bulldogs Baseball Academy Winter Camp was in town with a former professional division one ball player on hand to instruct local minor ball players who wished to improve their hitting and pitching skills.

Town seeks Chamber's help to recruit firefighters

Current roster is short on firefighters who are in town during the daytime hours

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Mayor Lorne Young and Elk Point Town Council, on behalf of the Elk Point Regional Fire Area Committee, have asked the Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce to assist in the recruitment of volunteers to join the Elk Point Fire Department.

The fire department's current roster of approximately 20 members includes only two or three volunteer firefighters who are in town during the day, should a fire call come in, the mayor says.

This could mean that there are insufficient people on hand to answer a call, in the case of a fire or other emergency, and could result in the loss of lives or property before neighbouring fire departments could send assistance.

The recruitment initiative is a joint effort of the County of St. Paul No. 19 and the Town of Elk Point, and will include coordination with other local groups,

from 4-H clubs to local schools, to raise awareness of the situation and to encourage new volunteers to come forward. The fire department is also planning to have a booth at the FCSS Information Night in September.

The chamber of commerce will be sending out a plea for volunteers from their member businesses to come forward to join the fire department, and for businesses to encourage their employees to do so, when they send out the agendas for this week's Annual General Meeting, which will take place at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at the Empress.

Mayor Young is asking that, "Any volunteers, male or female, young or old, interested in joining the Elk Point Fire Department" call Fire Chief Jordan Cousins at 780-614-8457 for more information. Fire practice is held each Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the fire hall.

Chamber AGM

The Chamber of Commerce annual meeting on Wednesday will see a new executive put in place to lead the organization into a new year.

This could be a challenging year for the chamber, as the members seek out ways to encourage more participation in meetings and promotional activities as well as finding innovative ways to pay down the \$135,000 loan still owing on the six-year-old EcoCentre, after a year when any disposable income was eaten up by repairs and restoration of the building following a basement flood.

This year's memberships are trickling in, and membership forms will be available at the meeting, along with information on the numerous advantages of chamber membership, through the local chamber's affiliation with the Alberta Chambers of Commerce, Businesses of all sizes, including home based businesses, are welcome to join the Chamber.

The chamber has now applied for summer employment grants to assist with hiring a tourist information clerk to greet and inform visitors to Elk Point and area and to promote the many activities that take place over the summer months.

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Multi Club speakers, presenter showcased

BY SHAYLYN KLATT
Club Reporter

On January 31, 2018 the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club had our annual public speaking event. We even had one of our Cleaver members, Shyanne Klatt, do a speech and impromptu!

Our speakers and their topics were: Shyanne Klatt- Cleaver Age Group- Her speech was entitled "Swiper" - some great and interesting information on the red fox. Jove Boorse - Junior Age Group. His speech was entitled "The Tank Engine Man" -- some great and interesting information and facts about Thomas the Train. Levi Crawford-Walker- Intermediate Age Group, His speech was entitled "Crash Bandicoot - The Movie" - some great, interesting information on the movie. Darianna Boorse- Intermediate Age Group. Her speech was entitled "The Other Winter Sport" -- great information on how to play the game of curling. Shaylyn Klatt- Intermediate Age Group. Her presentation was entitled "Splishy, Splashy, Spooosh" --great demonstration and information of how to set up a fish tank and what is needed. The Speech presenters also did impromptu speeches. Jove, Darianna and Shaylyn will all move on to compete at the 4-H District Public Speaking Event in St. Paul Sunday, February 11, 2018. The club would like to thank Renee and Jared Moore as our public speaking judges. Thank you to the Communication Event members for setting up the event and to all of our guests who were able to come and watch our showcase.



PROUD ELK POINT 4-H MULTI CLUB MEMBERS display their certificates at the conclusion of their public speaking event. Left to right are Darianna Boorse, Shyanne Klatt, Levi Crawford-Walker, Shaylyn Klatt and Jove Boorse.

Industry support for community club



HEINSBURG COMMUNITY CLUB received a very welcome \$3,000 donation from Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. on Jan. 15, with Calvin Fisher and Carrie Baumgardner of CNRL making the presentation to club treasurer Rock Sharkey and president Marjorie Scott.

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Energy rates go up, down

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Electricity rates will drop in February, while natural gas rates will

go up, according to announcements received from Direct Energy.

The electricity rate for residential and commercial customers will

be 4.8310 cents per kilowatt hour, farms and REAs will pay 4.8220 cents, oil and gas will pay 4.7660 cents and industry will pay 4.7640 cents, approximately six per cent lower than the January rates.

The rates are adjusted each month to reflect the price Direct Energy Regulated Services pays to buy energy for their customers.

Natural gas rates, however, are climbing from \$1.911 per gigajoule in January to \$2.328 per gigajoule for customers in the North Service Territory, which covers an area north of Red Deer.

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Elks take first playoff series in four games against Longhorns

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Even an at-home loss on Friday night couldn't stop the Elk Point Elks from winding up their first round of SaskAlta Hockey League playoffs, against Two Hills Longhorns, in four games.

The Elks went into Friday's game with an excellent crowd on hand and two wins already to their credit, and took a two-goal lead in the first four minutes and nine seconds of play, with a pair of goals by Nathan Rosychuk, the first assisted by Ryley Wozniak and Jason Kalynchuk, the second by Kam Ballas. Two Hills would narrow the lead to one before the end of the period.

Maybe it was their yellow and black attire that spurred the determined Longhorns to "storm the crease like bumblebees," as the Hockey Song says, stirring up a hive full of penalties for both teams and slamming the only goal of the second period past Elks goalie Paul Lafreniere, to the unrestrained delight of the large cheering section who came along to support the team.

Silas Makokis brought the Elks back into the lead at the 12:32 mark of the third frame, assisted by Christian Nypower, but it took the visitors less than a minute to retaliate, with the resulting 3-3 tie taking the teams into overtime, where the Longhorns added their fourth goal of the evening to stay in the running for a fourth game of the best-of-five series.

Elks 7 – Two Hills 3

The Elks traveled to Two Hills on Saturday night, and once again took a two goal-lead in the opening period, the first by Sean Joly, assisted by Lee Letestu, coming just over four minutes into the game and the second by Brent Bacque, assisted by Nypower, with almost six minutes remaining on the clock.

Mark Brodwin's unassisted goal gave the Elks a 3 and 0 lead until well after the middle of the second period, when Two Hills scored twice in two minutes, but the Elks came back with a pair of their own, Ballas assisted by Scott Ward and Jordyn Wozniak, and Ward assisted by Nypower and Brodwin, to go to the break up 5-2.

The Longhorns scored right off the faceoff in the third period, 20 minutes which no doubt seemed like hours for the scorekeeper, who filled pages with a total of 133 minutes in penalties, 55 of those for the Elks and 78 for the Longhorns, who weren't going down without a fight, despite two more Elks goals by Devin Moneta and Nypower, both scoring unassisted.

The Elks will now face the Hillmond Hitmen in the second round and the Dewberry Mustangs will face the Wainwright Rustlers to see who will become one step closer to the finals of the SaskAlta Hockey league. This next round is the best of seven and the Elks will post the schedule as it becomes available.

Vohon Ensemble to headline Zabava

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point and surrounding area is in for a huge treat this Saturday evening, when Elk Point Allied Arts and Leisure Centre presents performances by some very special guests at their Zabava Performance Dine and Dance.

Headlining the Zabava is Edmonton's Vohon Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, known for its diverse talent and ability to bring the traditional into new cultural landscapes. Vohon was founded in 1988, with Ken Kachmar as one of its co-founders as well as its business and performance director, and is under the artistic direction of Trish Kushniuk and Garrett Nestorowich,

who jointly bring over 70 years of dance and instructional experience to the group of over 40 dancers, including former Elk Point Metelytsia dancer Bryce Osinchuk, who perform a blend of Ukrainian folk dance, ballet and contemporary dance. Vohon has performed at festivals around the world, and will be onstage at Edmonton's Jubilee Auditorium the night after their Elk Point show.

Another Metelytsia alumnus, Jaden Plaska, and another dancer from this area, Coral Roche of St. Paul, now performing with MY Ukrainian Dance Academy of St. Albert, will also be part of the program, as will seven young ladies from the Chudovyi Ukrainian Dancers of Innisfree,

instructed by Kayla Holowatiuk, and all four groups of our very own Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club, whose talents were recently displayed at their Malanka performance. Metelytsia is instructed by Jordan Onyschuk, with the assistance of Jaden Plaska.

The 7 p.m. performance will follow a dinner prepared by Shirley's Catering, and will be followed by a dance featuring the Edmonton-based Euphoria Band, known for their fusion of Ukrainian pop, rock and traditional Ukrainian favourites performed with a modern twist, along with English favourites. The band was formed in 2007 and has been performing at zabavas, weddings and special events across the prairies.

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St. Paul-Elk Point Regional Recreation Services Master Plan - Press release

Recreation is a significant contributor to resident quality of life in our region. Encompassing sports, parks, arts & culture, leisure pursuits, and the natural setting, recreation enriches lives and builds communities. Residents in the area enjoy quality of life due to public investment in recreation services and facilities and the efforts of various organizations and individuals working to provide recreational opportunities in the Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, County of St. Paul No. 19, and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay.

In order to effectively make decisions about recreation provision and resource priorities, the **St. Paul-Elk Point Regional Partnership is undertaking the development of a Recreation Services Master Plan** utilizing the Alberta Community Partnership Grant funds of \$105,000. The Master Plan will assess the current state and identify priorities and recommendations regarding the provision of recreation facilities, active lifestyle and social gathering opportunities, and recreation services to meet the needs of residents and visitors into the future. RC Strategies + PERC (a planning company) has been retained to work with the partnership to complete the Master Plan.

Consultation with the community is critical to the development of the Master Plan. Community partners, organizations, and residents will be provided with opportunities to share their thoughts on the current situation and future needs. A survey will be mailed to households in the region in early 2018 to gather the opinions of area residents. As well, the perspectives of community groups will be gathered in at the same time. Please visit your local municipal website for project updates and to learn of other opportunities to share your thoughts.

The Recreation Services Master Plan is scheduled for completion by the end of 2018. For more information about the Master Plan process please contact; Tim Mahdiuk, County of St. Paul, at 780-645-3301 ext. 204; Norman R. Briscoe, Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay, at 780-645-4677; Ken Gwozdz, Elk Point, at 780-724-3810; or Robert Simons, Town of St. Paul, at 780-645-3388.

EDITORIAL

Chamber needs member input and involvement

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce is holding its Annual General Meeting this week, and like most other groups, that means the election of an executive for the coming year.

Years ago, the Chamber AGM was a much anticipated affair, with a dinner and dance to follow, but over the years, it became an evening dinner meeting with a guest speaker and/or entertainment, and finally dwindled to a lunch meeting, differing only from the other nine that go every month from September to June, in that it includes the election of an executive and setting the following year's membership fees.

Maybe it's the lack of guest speakers and entertainment that makes the general membership say, "Why bother?" Or maybe everyone is so busy they just can't get away from their business, or that they don't want to risk being nominated for a position on the executive, but the minimal turnout doesn't reflect the number of memberships on the books each year.

Elk Point Chamber knows it's not the only chamber with attendance problems, but those who do attend and get involved are well aware that they could better represent the business community if that community had more representation at the meetings, giving their input and getting involved. See you at the AGM? Please?

RECREATION CORNER

Did you fill out your survey yet?

recreation@elkpoint.ca

Review Contributor

By now, you should have received your "Household Recreation Survey" in the mail. Please fill these out and return them! Everyone in town and the county should receive the survey and the information you provide will help shape a Recreation Master Plan for the region. The Town of Elk Point, County and Town of St. Paul and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay are working together to create a master plan that will help guide them in the future of recreation.

It is very vital for everyone's voice to be heard. This is one of the ways the region will determine where money will be spent, which facilities are needed and wanted and if upgrades and renovations are needed for certain facilities. It'll also help determine what type of recreation programming will be continued and developed.

So please, fill out your surveys! With the package is a pre-paid envelope that is already addressed so all you have to do it pop it into the mailbox when you're done.

Coming up this month, the annual Family Day Public Skating at the Arena from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a free event for everyone! Along with skating there will be a photographer on site to take fun family photos and Papillion the Clown will help entertain the kids (and the kids at heart). Members of Town Council will be serving up burgers, free of charge, so make sure you bring an empty belly and a smile!

For all the sled heads in the area, and I know you're out there, there is a Vintage Snowmobile Rally on March 3rd. Everyone is welcome to register on the day of the event from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Elk Point TrailRiders cabin east of the Eco Centre.



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WAY BACK WHEN...

Penalty boxes overflow, bananas grown at EPE, power bill woes

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 5 IN...

1988

Pauline and Lane Scott, Patricia and Randy Weston narrowly defeated Bill Pacholek, Sheila Lorenson, Marshal Pelech and Stella Lorenson in the Lindbergh Mixed Bonspiel grand challenge. Bonnyville Pontiacs and Elk Point Elks filled both penalty boxes to capacity with all on-ice players except the goalies after a giant scuffle in a game that gave the Pontiacs a 11-4 win.

1993

Garbage topped the agenda for town council, as they passed third reading of their new garbage bylaw, agreed that the town grader could be used to clear the road to the landfill and that non-town or non-county residents would be charged \$25 per load to deposit material in the landfill. Daphne Schnurer was appointed as Volunteer Week coordinator.

1998

The five-year wait was over for Elk Point Elementary School teacher Wayne Hymanyk and his students, when his classroom's banana tree finally produced a bunch of finger-sized fruit. Elk Point Skating Club's skate-a-thon was the biggest ever, with 51 skaters completing an incredible 1117 laps.

2003

The 20th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel came to an exciting finish, with bonspiel committee chairman Leonard Gadowski and his Tuboscope rink defeated in an extra end by Silverline Insulators, skipped by Dave Dwan. Elk Point Oilmen's Association named Bill Jennissen their first-ever Oilman of the Year.

2008

F. G. Miller principal Colin Bjorkman was "quite impressed" when 23 of 25 Grade 12 students made

their way through a raging snowstorm to write their Social Studies diploma exams. Massive power bills had the A. G. Ross Arena operating committee looking at ways to save energy, including updated lighting for the ice surface.

2013

MLA Shayne Saskiw, Mayor Parrish Tung and Town Couns. Bernice Capjack, Ron Fraess and Dwayne Yaremkevich and Health Advisory Council member Diana Anderson met with Elk Point Healthcare Centre staff, Dr. Drew Ramful and Dr. Ayobami Oyeboode and Wendy Harrison, vice president of rural operations for areas five through eight in the northeast zone for Alberta Health Services (AHS), to discuss current health services in Elk Point, with Harrison saying the current shortage of staff at the Elk Point Healthcare Centre was "a short-term urgent situation," and stems from an ongoing challenge across the northern zone with recruiting staff.



SISTERS SPEAK OUT - Madison and Brooke Krider provided excellent arguments for the abolishment of bullying with their presentation at the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club Public Speaking Competition.

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Kids and clown a winning combination for ECDC



SCHOOL WAS OUT but fun was in at Elk Point Elementary School on Wednesday, when the teachers' professional development day gave the Elk Point Early Childhood Development Committee (ECDC) the opportunity to fill the gymnasium with two hours of fun for the preschool and early elementary youngsters who attended Clown Mingle, an event that included a clown performance, face painting and plenty of time for play, as well as a pizza lunch - a perfect way to spend a very wintery Wednesday! While the ECDC is focused on children age six and under, the committee welcomed all families in the area to take part in this free event.



VOLUNTEER HONOURED - Fae Irvine received a Volunteer medal at the 2018 Transplant Trot in Lloydminster on Saturday, Jan. 27 for all her work with the Lloydminster branch of the Canadian Transplant Association. Irvine is a vital part of the group organizing the sixth annual 2nd Chance Trail Ride, which this year takes place on Saturday, May12.



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All but Atom Avs hit the road for games

Only the lonely! The **Atom Avalanche** played the only game at the A. G. Ross Arena on this past Saturday. The main event was against Saddle Lake and it was worth the price of admission, the Avalanche winning 7 to 2 in the end, the big goalie from Saddle Lake facing 59 shots keeping this one close. Brayden



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Review Sports

'Pinball' Pinette, bouncing around like a wizard with a Gordie Howe hat trick, scored a goal and an assist and took two trips to the sin bin. Same thing for Timmy 'the Freight Train' Cardinal who was on a roll down the track, scoring two goals, an assist and also one trip to the penalty box. 'Good Time' Charlie Lesyk, shedding the big pads and playing out of the net for the first time this year, scoring a goal and two assists. 'Stellar Ella' Ballas with a goal and some aggressive fore-checking. Evett 'Snoopy' Smereka buried a bone in the mesh, 'Cyclone Cole' Pierce with a few spins around the net turning on the jets for one, Kaysen 'Dynamite' DeMossiac and Braylee 'Little Charlie' Lesyk with assists. Defense woman Spencer 'Goldie Locks' Malachowski had few shots from the point that didn't go in, but the way she back checks and pushes players to the outside I wouldn't care if she ever scored. She's doing a great job. And another one, 'Hurricane Kayl' Warawa positioned herself by the corner of the net just missing on the one timer three times. Don't give up, girl,

sooner or later it will come. Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans-Anderson answering the call between the pipes in this one.

So guess who scored the first goal on Sunday when the Atoms hosted Plamondon? None other than 'Hurricane Kayl' Warawa. The Atoms winning this one as well, 7 to 4, 'Snoopy', 'Pinball' and the 'Freight Train' scoring two each, 'Dynamite' and 'Cyclone Cole' with two assists each. The coaching staff trying a new line up for this one put Charlotte 'Web Mail' Henderson up front with 'Stellar' and 'Hurricane', 'Anna the Banana' Henderson back on the blue line with the 'Rug Rat' and 'Goldie Locks'. Looks like it worked out fine!!

Our **Micro Novice** team played over in Frog Lake on Saturday morning, winning this one quite easily. Hat tricks for 'Major Tom' Melnyk, Ryder 'Rhino' Malo and Jaxon 'Magic' Marcoux, two goals each for William 'Billy Bob' Ballas, and 'Jesse James' Penner. Add a couple of assists for them too. Theo 'Long Horn' Loughran with a goal and an assist. And the littlest guy scoring his first two goals ever, and we know the way he plays it won't be his last, four year old Lennox 'All Out' St. Arnault. I hope his mom kept the puck!!

The **Novice Avalanche** went all the way to the A final in the St. Paul tournament this past weekend, defeating the KC Dragons in the first game 9 to



NOVICE AVALANCHE proudly shows off their 'A' side silver medals.

3, then a huge win over Cold Lake. On Sunday they played early against the host St. Paul, winning this one 5 to 4, sending them to the A final against Dewberry/Marwayne where they lost a heart breaker 2 to 1. Wish I could list them all, but every kid on this team contributed in the tournament with a few goals or assists and made their parents and grandparents very proud, getting all the way to the A final and playing good clean competitive hockey.

The **Peewee 4** team played in Mallaig on Saturday, coming home with a one-

all tie. 'Top Gunner' Crawford was the lone goal scorer for the Avalanche. Goalie 'Kid Kade' Fontaine was busy in this one and played awesome, facing a bombardment of shots. On Sunday the Peewee 4 team loaded up the bus at 7 a.m., heading five hours north to Wabasca for a provincial round robin game. The outcome was not so great, the team losing by 10 goals and eliminated from the provincials, but it was a great bus trip for camaraderie and team bonding.

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F. G. Miller senior curlers hit the bonspiel trail

DENNELL ANDERSON
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The F. G. Miller Senior High curling teams entered the St. Paul one-day

bonspiel on Jan 27. Despite the heavy snowfall on Friday night they ventured out to St. Paul early Saturday morning only to receive the news that the times have been moved back an hour

to accommodate the poor road conditions, there was a bit of missed communications with so much going on. So being an hour and a half early, they were able to really prepare for the big day ahead of them, which was a good thing with what they faced for the day. It was a very well run bonspiel and our teams had a blast, learning lots, making wicked shots, and sweeping hard. Playing four, eight-end curling games in one day can be grueling. By the last game your arms feel like rubber, legs are getting sore and you're mentally exhausted, but the kids played hard each and every game! The girls wound up fourth in the A side

and the boys won the C.

This past weekend they competed in a two-day bonspiel in Vermillion, where both teams excelled at their games. It was run a bit differently, by points given by number of ends won. The girls finished with a total of 26 points and the boys with a total of 32, this putting both teams in the top six of an 18-team bonspiel.

Our next spiel is the one the kids have been working towards all season, SPAA on February 9. They will come up against other high school teams from St. Paul, Two Hills, and Myram. If they win here, they will be going to Zones in Lloydminster.



ST PAUL C EVENT winners, left to right: Kaiden Evans-Anderson, Zane Cribbins, Hunter Nelson, Dustin Pinder.



PLACING FOURTH in the St. Paul A event were, left to right: Brooke Krider, Mackenzie Evans, Maddison Krider and Keanna Radcliffe.

Hockey

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The **Peewee Tier One** team had a very good weekend, playing a tough team in Meadow Lake on Saturday. 'Mick Jager' Fontaine with the only two goals, assisted by 'King Kong Konnor' Poitras. Back home on Sunday, the team played terrific, holding their own for 50 minutes, a one-all tie late into the third period against one of the top teams in the league, Bonnyville. They simply ran out of gas late in the third period, losing this one 5 to 1 in the end. Goalie Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk facing 40 shots in this one played outstanding, standing on his head at times. 'King Kong Konnor' Poitras with the only goal, assisted by 'Cash' Paycheque' Capjack and 'Mick Jager Fontaine. Tonight the Peewee One team will travel Vegreville to play the first game of round two of their Zone 7 provincial round robins. The second game will be held here this coming weekend

Bad news once again for the injury ridden **Bantam Avalanche**, losing one of their top defenseman for the second time this year. Jace 'the Stafford Streak', who just returned from a broken wrist a week ago, is off now with a broken elbow and will be out of action for a minimum of two weeks if not more. And it was a busy week for the short bench Bantams who played in Lac La Biche on Tuesday night, winning that one, then traveled to the Border City, Lloydminster on Wednesday night, losing that one by one goal. On Sunday they traveled back to the Border City once more, playing to a three-all tie. 'Lightning Liam' Ludlage, 'King Cole' Bendixen and Dallas 'Cowboy' Bristow scoring the goals, Jaden 'Jetstream' Van Maarion in on the assists.

After last week's Donnybrook up in Cold Lake, the **Midget Avalanche** team had four players suspended for a couple of games each and were scheduled to play Saddle Lake in a provincial game on Wednesday night in Saddle Lake.

Fortunately, Saddle Lake wasn't a very strong team and our guys were able to beat them with a small roster in one

game by more than 10 goals to move on to the next round. On Saturday they traveled to the Border City, still short four players, and came home with a four-all tie. The Avalanche were leading 3 to 1 after the first period, but started to power out in the second and third periods, just barely hanging on to the tie with the help of goalie Colton 'Colt 45' Van Maarion. Two goals each for Nick 'Sparky' Anderson and Brody 'the Big O' Dotard, Wolke 'Wolfman' Cueva and Hayden 'Hot Wheels' Ludlage with the assists. On Sunday with almost a full lineup, the Avalanche returned to the scene of the crime, Cold Lake, losing this one 8 to 3. Not great, but not nearly as bad as the week before and far less penalties. The Avalanche facing a pretty tough goalie, they put 53 shots on their net. Between the pipes, our goalie Spencer 'Fortress' Hardcastle facing 50 himself. 'Sparky', the 'Wolfman' and team captain 'Awesome Alex' Hunter with the goals, Austin 'Astro' Axley with two helpers, rugged D Man 'Warrior Warren' Ference with one.

In girls' action this past weekend. Sydnee 'Sid the Kid' Crawford and Jadey 'the Lady' Capjack playing bantams for the Vermillion Tigers defeated Fort Saskatchewan in provincial play and will go on to the next round. Meanwhile over in St. Paul, old teammates from the Storm met in midget provincial action. On the St. Paul Canadiens' side there was Halle 'Comet' Stybel, Fawn 'Fonzy' Ockerman, Ashley 'Hacksaw' Hunter, the Hladunewich sisters, all who have played with Heaven 'the Brick House' Colbourne on the Storm who was playing goal for the Lakeland Jaguars and defeated the St. Paul Canadiens in the two game, total point series in the third overtime period. 'Brick House' got pretty lucky when 'Raging Paige' Henderson from the Canadiens took a wicked slap shot that went off the crossbar. One minute later the Jaguars scored to win the series and go on to the next round.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "It is the best feeling in the world to have a close game come down to just a couple of plays and you are able to do it." - Drew Bledsoe



KEEPING UP THE GOOD WORK - Tessa Pindroch, Brooke Krider, Mackenzie Evans and Keanna Radcliffe earned 26 points in Vermillion.



RINKMATES Maddison Krider, Dustin Pinder, Kaiden Evans-Anderson, and Zane Cribbins racked up 32 points in Vermillion this weekend.



THE F. G. MILLER JUNIOR CURLERS traveled to Vermillion for the Jim Smith Memorial bonspiel this past weekend. Both teams won one out of the three games they each played. This was the first bonspiel any of them have participated in and they did awesome especially against some tough competition. Above, left to right are Kendra Porcina, Sam O'Reilly, Nicole Gormley and Alexa Berlinguette. Below, left to right: Darianna Boorse, Brandon Goertzen, Avery Warawa, Lexi Wirsta, Kobe Warawa.

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